

## Head Start Grantees and ECEAP Contractors Registering for Early Achievers Overview

## I am a Head Start grantee or ECEAP contractor – how do I join Early Achievers?

Interested grantees and contractors sign up for Early Achievers by choosing a Primary Early Achievers Contact to attend the Early Achievers Orientation Webinar. This person will also complete the Grantee/Contractor Registration Application in MERIT.

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- Grantee/contractor chooses a Primary Early Achievers Contact
- Primary Early Achievers Contact creates professional record in MERIT
- •Primary Early Achievers Contact attends the Early Achievers Orientation for Head Start and ECEAP webinar by registering at <u>DEL.WA.GOV</u>

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- Early Achievers Participation Agreement is signed by the grantee/contractor
- Primary Early Achievers Contact completes the Grantee/Contractor Registration Application in their MERIT account
- Grantee/Contractor Registration Application is approved by DEL

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- Primary Early Achievers Contact assigns an Early Achievers Site Designee for each Head Start/ECEAP Pathway site
- •Primary Early Achievers Contact approves sites to participation in Early Achievers and enters an orientation date

## Once the Grantee/Contractor Registration Application is approved, what's next?

You'll be ready to orient your Head Start/ECEAP Pathway sites to Early Achievers, help them register their facilities and complete the Early Achievers Applications for Level 3. Your sites will be considered "participating in Early Achievers" once this application is approved.

You will then work with your sites to help prepare them for their on-site evaluation visit with the University of Washington. Rating readiness support will focus on the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) and the CLASS observation tool. When a site is ready to be rated, they will submit the Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation in MERIT.